

CHARTER OF THE ACQUISITION COUNCIL OF THE DoD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR MODELS AND SIMULATIONS (EXCIMS)

A. MISSION

The mission of the Acquisition Council is to provide expert advice and strategic plans to the DoD EXCIMS on acquisition-related M&S issues. The Acquisition Council shall be the focal point for examining and consolidating information about M&S activities and requirements within the Acquisition functional area. The Council will perform its mission on a not-to-interfere basis vis-a-vis Title X, USC.

B. FUNCTIONS

The Acquisition Council:

1. Serves as a senior level body for matters pertaining to acquisition-related M&S issues.
2. Identifies and integrates M&S requirements within the Acquisition functional community and develops solution strategies, including recommended priorities and investments that have high value return in fulfilling M&S requirements and capabilities.
3. Develops the Acquisition M&S Functional Area Annex to the DoD M&S Master Plan, in coordination with the DoD Components.
4. Maintains visibility for the Acquisition community and promotes discussion of M&S plans and priorities in a consensus-building forum.
5. Shares information with the other Councils.
6. Promotes joint and cooperative research, development, acquisition, and operation of M&S systems, technologies, and capabilities among DoD components.
7. Encourages improved communication and coordination among DoD M&S activities.

C. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Council Chair shall be a member of the EXCIMS. Council members are General/Flag Officers, and civilians of equivalent rank and precedence, who are members of the EXCIMS (or their designated representatives) and who have responsibility for acquisition M&S

within their Component. As appropriate, the Council may invite others to participate or become Council members. At a minimum, the following organizations shall be represented on the Acquisition Council:

a. Office of the Director, Test, Systems Engineering and Evaluation (Chair)

b. Joint Staff

c. Army

d. Navy

e. Air Force

f. Marine Corps

g. ODDR&E

h. DIA

i. DUSD Industrial Affairs and Installations

2. The Acquisition Council will meet on an as-required basis, as determined by the EXCIMS or the Chair.

D. SUPPORT STRUCTURE

1. A Functional Working Group (FWG) will support the activities of the Acquisition Council and will respond to guidance and direction from the Acquisition Council and the MSWG, as appropriate. The Acquisition FWG also provides a forum for coordination and cooperation in DoD M&S for Acquisition at the working level. The FWG chair will keep the MSWG informed on issues intended for EXCIMS review through the Council, and broad issues that have potential impact outside of the functional area and across the larger M&S community.

2. The membership of the FWG will normally be O-6 military officers or GM/GS-15 grade civilians. The FWG membership shall mirror the organizational makeup of the Acquisition Council. DMSO will represent the

DDR&E. Additional membership will be determined by the Council and should include personnel active in program acquisition management. The MSWG may make FWG membership recommendations to the Council. Members will represent their organization and prepare their principals for Council meetings. The FWG chair shall be a member of the MSWG, appointed by the Acquisition Council Chair. DMSO will provide administrative support to the Council and the FWG.

3. The FWG chair, with the assistance of DMSO, shall ensure that the following actions are taken in support of Acquisition Council meetings:

- a. Prepare the meeting agenda.
- b. Coordinate briefings for presentation.
- c. Distribute read-ahead materials to the members prior to each meeting.
- d. Maintain a record of each meeting and provide copies of minutes to the EXCIMS, MSWG, and the other Councils.
- e. Establish an action management and tracking system for action items requiring Council and/or EXCIMS approval.

4. The FWG will meet as needed.

5. The Council structure allows for discussion of cross-functional issues between and among the functional communities. The three FWG chairs will meet as appropriate to identify and discuss subjects of mutual interest and to review the items maintained in the tracking and management system. Appropriate issues will be brought before the Councils. The FWG Chairs will coordinate with DMSO to place items on the EXCIMS agenda.

E. ACQUISITION COUNCIL AREA OF INTEREST

The Acquisition Council will serve as a coordinating mechanism for leveraging modeling and simulation technologies in a cost-effective way to reduce time, resources, and risk in the acquisition process and to increase the quality of the systems being acquired. It will guide the use of robust, collaborative simulation technology by: (1) initiating and fostering

simulation based activities that are integrated across acquisition programs and phases; (2) recommending actions to promote a responsive simulation support environment; and, (3) effecting increased awareness and support throughout the acquisition /community. Specific focus areas include facilitation of integrated product and process development (IPPD), simulation-based design, virtual prototyping and manufacturing, support of developmental and operational test and evaluation, M&S for production/manufacturing and acquisition logistics. The Council will interface with program developments of particular interest to the acquisition community such as the Joint Modeling and Simulation System (J MASS).